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**Testimony on behalf of
The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, Inc.
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**House Bill 5271 - An Act Authorizing Bonding for Bikeways,
Greenways and Recreational Trails**

The Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, Inc. (CRPA) is a nonprofit charitable organization. Our mission is to support the recreation and park profession and steward the future of public parks and recreational opportunities in Connecticut in order to promote active lifestyles, livable communities, and quality of life for all who call Connecticut home. CRPA represents over 750 individual professionals from municipal, nonprofit, and private, park, recreation, and camp organizations, as well as approximately 134 of the 169 municipal park and recreation departments in Connecticut.

CRPA appreciates and supports the allocation of additional funds for these important infrastructure upgrades to recreational trails, bikeways, and greenways. These spaces were heavily utilized during the past two years and are important to maintaining Connecticut residents' mental and physical wellbeing.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to working with the committee on this issue.

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